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In re Application of

Mikko VEIKKOLAINEN et al

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Examiner:

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REPLY TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED 04/09/2003 AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

Further examination and consideration of this application are requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.